

EORC Meeting Minutes March 19, 2018

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Campbell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Present: Chris Campbell, Chairman; Ryan Zimmerle (via phone), Ann Joslin, Jim Doramus (via phone), and Andy Mehl.

Absent: Will Goodman, Vice Chairman; Dale Layne, and Scott Woolstenhulme.

Others Present: Michael Bartz, State Department of Education (SDE); Jo Ann Bujarski, SDE; Roger Sargent, SDE; Todd Lawrence, SDE; and Dylan Baker, Idaho Commission for Libraries.

The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

Mr. Mehl made a motion to approve the December 14, 2017 meeting minutes as corrected. Mr. Zimmerle seconded, motion carried.

Libraries Update:

- Approximately \$62,000 has been disbursed to the libraries.
- There has been an increase in the amount of libraries who have or will apply for E-rate.
- Priest Lake Library District
 - The remaining portion of their one-time cost is above the \$5,000 automatic approval amount set by the committee. Mr. Mehl made a motion to approve the non-recurring cost portion of \$5,572. Ms. Joslin seconded, motion carried. Mr. Zimmerle voted nay.

School Broadband Update:

- Jerome School District
 - o Ms. Joslin made a motion to approve reimbursement of their WAN costs. Mr. Doramus seconded, motion carried.
- Basin School District
 - Mr. Mehl made a motion to reimburse a maximum of \$30,000 of the remaining one-time cost for upgrading broadband service. Ms. Joslin seconded, motion carried. Mr. Zimmerle voted nay.
- North Idaho STEM Charter Academy
 - o The remaining portion of their one-time cost is \$9,000, which is over the automatic approval limit of \$5,000 set by the committee. Ms. Joslin made a motion to approve reimbursing the remaining one-time costs. Mr. Doramus seconded, motion carried.

E-rate Update:

• The deadline for filing a Form 471 is Thursday, March 22, 2018. Approximately 49% of schools have not filed at this time.

Wireless Update

- The current contract will end in July. The Legislature added some intent language around the schools' portion of the technology budget. The language states the districts are allowed to spend that money on wireless or wireless infrastructure. The funds available to schools were increased by \$10.5 million dollars.
- The technical subgroup that was requested to generate guidelines and recommendations has not gotten far. There was a suggestion to allow vendors, within EORC guidelines, to come to the committee and give recommendations based on their expertise.

Reimbursement Methodology

- Chairman Campbell mentioned the committee has discussed using any remaining funds in the broadband reimbursement budget to help school districts pay for E-rate consultants. There was a conversation with the attorney general's office related to this that was positive, but a further conversation with the Legislative Services Office will be needed. Mr. Zimmerle said he would prefer to see some of the money used for security guidance.
- There are a few companies already on state contracts, which might be interested in a "proof of concept" exercise with school districts related to security.

ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Joslin made the motion to adjourn. Mr. Mehl seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

For Questions Contact

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